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Basic programme of work of the Council

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2008 and 2009

Note by the Secretary-General

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I. Proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2008 of the Council and list of documents for each agenda item

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization (E/2006/70) (Council decision 2007/247)

2. High-level segment

A. High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey 2008 (chap. I) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

B. Thematic discussion

[To be decided]

C. Annual ministerial review: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development"

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 10, and Council decision 2007/272)

World Economic and Social Survey 2008 (chap. I) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

D. Development Cooperation Forum

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 61/16, paras. 6 and 7)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 62/208)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the functioning of the resident coordinator system

Report of the Secretary-General on the improved functioning of the United Nations development system: a programme of work for the full implementation of coherence, effectiveness, and efficiency measures

Report of the Secretary-General on the management process for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2008 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2008/5) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2008 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

[1] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2007 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2007/261)

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 8, 13 and 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of and follow up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 62/182) (see also under item 13 (b))[1]

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 62/94 and Council resolution 2007/3)[1]

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 58/230 and Council resolution 2007/30)[1]

[2] 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265.

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 62/203 and Council resolution 2007/31)[1]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-eighth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2007 (Council decision 2001/321)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2008-2009 (General Assembly resolution 58/269)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken in follow-up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2007/14)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2007/13)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/137 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2007/33 (see also under item 14 (a))

(f) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (Council resolution 2007/15)

(g) Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2006/248)

Report of the Secretary-General on smoke-free United Nations premises (Council resolution 2006/42)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 4, 13 and 14)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 62/93 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2007/25)

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 2007/25)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region, 2008

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2008

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, 2008*

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2008-2009

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2007-2008

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2007/26[1]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2007/232)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 4, 8 and 14)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its sixteenth session (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2007/235)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eleventh session (General Assembly resolutions 46/235, annex, and 56/182)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 62/182) (see also under item 4)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-ninth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2007/236)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2007/249)[1]

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 62/195)[1]

Report of the Secretary-General on the continued usefulness for the Member States of the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments (Council decision 2007/264)

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-first session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 2007/237)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its seventh session (Council resolution 2007/38)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its third session (Council resolution 2007/39)

(i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(j) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, New York, 21-30 August 2007 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fourth session, New York, 20 and 31 August 2007 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

(k) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[2] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 4, 8 and 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2007/239)

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/137 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2007/33 (see also under item 7 (e))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the future work to strengthen the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 2007/37)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-sixth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2007/258)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its seventeenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2007/251)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-first session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2007/242)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Biennial report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[1]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children (General Assembly resolution 62/141)[1]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its seventh session (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2007/246)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the most appropriate forum or forums for the consideration of the issue of genetic privacy and non-discrimination (Council decision 2007/269)

15. United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, including details on the financial implications, and the status of contributions to and the financial situation of the Institute (General Assembly resolution 62/210)

II. Questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2009 and list of documents for each agenda item[3]

Substantive session of 2009

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

A. High-level segment

High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009

Thematic discussion

[To be decided]

Annual ministerial review: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health"

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme [Council decision 2007/272]

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

[3] The list of questions will be revised in the light of the Council's deliberations on the proposed programme of work for 2008.

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report on trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 23)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2008 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2009 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2008 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2009 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2008 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

South-South cooperation for development

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the 2008 ministerial declaration on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development" (Council decision 2007/272)

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

[Theme/themes to be selected]

E. General segment

Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 61/1 and Council decision 2001/320)[1]

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-ninth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2008

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 58/269)

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2007/32)

Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2010 and 2011 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[1]

Regional cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2007/16)

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General[1]

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventeenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (Council resolution 2007/36)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twelfth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its fortieth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda[1]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 56/206)[1]

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fifth session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[1]

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-second session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60)

International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fourth session (Council resolution 2004/69)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eighth session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2007/273)

Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fifth session (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Women and development

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2007/6)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[1]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-seventh session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-second session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[1]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children (General Assembly resolution 62/141)[1]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eighth session (Council resolution 2000/22)

United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (General Assembly resolution 60/214)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 62/210)

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 61/216, para. 15)

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Provisional agenda

1. Election of the Bureau.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Basic programme of work of the Council.
4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments.

Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2008 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 2008 should be the representative of a member of the Latin American and Caribbean States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 14 January 2008 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions

In its decision 2007/241, the Council decided to defer consideration of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions to a later stage.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions (E/2007/22)

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

In its decision 2007/247, the Council decided to further defer its consideration of the draft annex to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies relating to the World Tourism Organization to its substantive session of 2008, with the proviso that the item could be taken up earlier and a decision adopted without any debate.

Documentation

Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization (E/2006/70)

Application of an intergovernmental organization for observer status with the Council

In its decision 2007/260, the Council decided to postpone further consideration of the application of intergovernmental organization International Emergency Management Organization for observer status with the Council to a later date.

Documentation

Application of an intergovernmental organization, the International Emergency Management Organization, for observer status with the Economic and Social Council (E/2006/87)

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2008 and 2009 (E/2008/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, by which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In

accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2008.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Economic and Social Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an "as available" basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2008 and 2009 (E/2008/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2008 (E/2008/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2007

	Term expires on 31 December
Algeria	2009
Angola	2008
Austria	2008
Barbados	2009
Belarus	2009
Benin	2008
Bolivia	2009
Brazil	2010
Cameroon	2010
Canada	2009
Cape Verde	2009
China	2010
Congo	2010
Cuba	2008
Czech Republic	2008
El Salvador	2009
France	2008
Greece	2008
Guinea-Bissau	2008
Guyana	2008
Haiti	2008
Iceland	2010
Indonesia	2009
Iraq	2009
Japan	2008
Kazakhstan	2009
Liechtenstein	2008
Luxembourg	2009
Madagascar	2008
Malawi	2009
Malaysia	2010
Mauritania	2008
Moldova	2010
Mozambique	2010
Netherlands	2009
New Zealand	2010
Niger	2010

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Pakistan	2010
Paraguay	2008
Philippines	2009
Poland	2010
Portugal	2008
Republic of Korea	2010
Romania	2009
Russian Federation	2010
Saint Lucia	2010
Saudi Arabia	2008
Somalia	2009
Sri Lanka	2008
Sudan	2009
Sweden	2010
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2010
United States of America	2009
Uruguay	2009